

Q18 Please describe any other plans you have for dealing with reduced funding.

18.01 We do not receive funding. We are doing this as a public service from our water and wastewater utility for the betterment of the community and also for park and recreation department.

18.02 Looking for alternative sources of funding, such as state coastal programs or state sources.

18.03 May invoice municipalities for monitoring.

18.04 We will be asking the municipalities to bring samples to our lab for analysis if they wish to continue having their beaches monitored. We will also be looking for grants to help offset the laboratory costs.

18.05 If Federal funding is gone entirely we plan to ask local municipalities (city, township, county, tribal) for funding to continue monitoring. If that does not provide enough funds we will discontinue our beach monitoring program.

18.06 Applied for and received Coastal Mgmt grant for 2013-14 to partially fund beach monitoring.

18.07 If Federal funding does not materialize, we will look to local governmental entities for possible funding. If that does not happen, we will likely suspend our monitoring efforts.

18.08 Attempt to obtain funding from parks systems and/or local non-profits.

18.09 Asking for funding from municipalities for the 34 beaches that we test.

18.10 We are hoping to use our predictive modeling to conduct nowcasting and collect water quality samples 2-3 times a week to test the model.

18.11 Respond to water quality complaints only.

18.12 Unsure.

18.13 We have been mandated by NYSDOH to conduct the level of monitoring and maintenance of the logic based predictive model we employ, and see no change in that mandate. We will do a side by side comparison of our traditional model and the Virtual Beach model developed by USGS, and we may be able to switch, but I think NYSDOH will still want to see the same level of sampling.

18.14 Will cut back on sampling & monitoring and rely more on the predictive model to inform beach visitors of current conditions.

18.15 2015 beach program budget being prepared for consideration by the Commissioner of Health. If endorsed it is sent to the County Executives' Office for consideration. The Erie County beach program has been fully funded through State and Federal grants since 2003. Chance of County funding is unknown.

18.16 Look for funding elsewhere. Reduce frequency of monitoring.

18.17 We are currently working with Racine County to monitor and test our beaches.

18.18 Without the funding, it is very likely our department will not monitor the beaches. It will be extremely detrimental to our area. Local and seasonal residents depend on the monitoring results and look for the advisories and closures to determine whether or not it's safe to swim. In addition, the data collected assists in soliciting point source pollution which may occur within a certain area.

18.19 Contracting with townships to cover the costs of monitoring.

18.20 This would be a local decision, I would prevent the cost and benefits of continuing beach monitoring. I do believe the public would pressure to continuing to do some monitoring.

18.21 Inform public so there is no assumption that water quality monitoring is being done. Provide information to guide swim at own risk decisions.

18.22 Will try to monitor maybe 1-2x per week which is down from 7 days per week with federal funding.

18.23 The main issue is that we have been reduced in staff from 40 to 20 in the last 5 years. Currently we have an intern assigned to water collection. Without funding this task would now need to be performed by a Sanitarian and we are not at capacity to accept new responsibilities.

18.24 Find other funding for other projects.

18.25 Consult with the State.

18.26 Applying to supplement work with additional grants, partnering with other academic institutions.

18.27 Hopefully we will locate alternative funding sources to continue our work.

18.28 Use of prediction models, working with Stake Holders, and NGO's for funding.

18.29 We are not sure if we will continue beach water testing if funding is reduced or eliminated.

18.30 Would use predictive models as a tool daily for potential "precautionary Advisories", and return to State mandated testing protocols for regulatory cultured *E-coli* testing to once per week

18.31 If the program is not taken over by contracted UW-Oshkosh then it will not be done.